With a view to increase the nuclear power generation, the installed capacity is being increased. There are currently fifteen nuclear power reactors with a capacity of 3360 MWe are in operation. Eight nuclear power reactors with a capacity of 3920 MWe are under construction. On completion of these reactors progressively, the installed capacity in the country will reach 6780 MWe by December 2008 and 7280 MWe by March 2011. The work on these projects is progressing as per schedule.

Agreement with CIL

†411. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the agreement entered into with Coal India Limited, several power generation projects have not purchased coal during the year 2005;

(b) if so, the names of those projects and the quantum of coal purchased less than the prescribed limit by each project;

(c) whether as a result of it the coal production in the country has reduced; and

(d) if so, the reduction in coal production due to the said reasons?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI SHIBU SOREN): (a) and (b) CIL has reported that despatch of coal to majority of the power plants is more than the contracted quantity. Only two power plants namely Talcher STPS and Calcutta Electricity Supply Company (CESC) have procured less coal against the contracted quantity with subsidiary companies of CIL during the year of 2005. Despatch of coal to Talcher STPS was less than the contracted quantity due to infrastructure constraints faced by the Talcher STPS. Similarly there was marginal shortfall in despatch of coal of CESC due to regulations imposed by the company from time to time for various reasons like maintenance of plant, railway track overhauling and controlling of inventory.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of reply given above.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.